

Council – 18 September, 2017

Annual Scrutiny Report - 2016/17

Service: Legal and Democratic Services

Wards: All

1. Summary of report

This is the annual report to Council outlining the work of scrutiny in 2016/17.

The report provides an analysis of the work undertaken during the municipal year by the Committees and their respective working groups.

A copy of the annual report is attached at Appendix 1 to this report.

2. Recommendations

That the annual scrutiny report for the 2016/17 municipal year (annexed) be noted.

3. Resource and legal considerations

Scrutiny is a key aspect of the governance framework and an integral part of how the council makes effective decisions. Good scrutiny can help to inform policy making and help ensure that decisions taken by the cabinet are effectively considered prior to implementation. The role of Scrutiny is defined in Walsall's constitution, Article 6.

4. Citizen impact

Effective scrutiny enables the public to fully engage in the topics under review. Ensuring that the items for consideration are effectively communicated via the council's website and public notice boards encourages citizens to become involved in the scrutiny process. Any potential work item that will have citizen impact will be fully scoped and include the opportunity for public involvement.

5. Environmental impact

The work of scrutiny picks up on a range of environmental factors across the whole borough. There are no direct environmental considerations as a result of this report.

6. Performance and risk management issues

The role of Scrutiny is fundamental in ensuring that the most effective and informed decisions are taken whilst delivering value for money for residents.

This report provides an overview of the work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny Committees which helps to achieve these objectives.

Asking members to recognise and review past achievements and consider the potential items to scrutinise helps to ensure that the Overview and Scrutiny Committees focus their attention on the main issues that have strategic relevance and importance to the council as a whole. Incorporating an effective scoping process enables a risk based approach to be taken in the development of potential work programmes; focussing on the key issues that affect the performance of the council, impact on service delivery or potentially result in service delivery that does not meet resident expectation or offer value for money. The Council's priorities and pledges are all considered when looking at potential work programmes for the following year and frequent performance monitoring reports are presented to individual Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

7. Equality implications

This report details all of the work that has been done across the whole borough. Scrutiny Members represent a number of wards across the borough and actively work with residents to best represent their views at Scrutiny.

8. Consultation

Individual panels have sought expert opinion and views from witnesses, where appropriate, to ensure that a balanced perspective is provided against any of the work topics under consideration. This year, evidence has been brought to the Committees by officers, members of the public, officers from other authorities, partners and independent experts.

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Scrutiny Annual Report 2016/17



Walsall Council

Foreword

I am very pleased to introduce the scrutiny annual report for 2016/17. The report provides the opportunity to review last year's activity within overview and scrutiny and to highlight some of the key developments and look forward to what's planned in 2017/18.

Scrutiny is a Member led function and is responsible for holding decision makers and partners to account on behalf of local residents.

Walsall's four committees have been tackling high profile issues during the year. This includes monitoring how child sexual exploitation is being prevented and overseeing improvements to local health services after the local clinical commissioning group and hospital trust were placed in special measures. Also in the last year Members have been engaging with Parliament on their views on the function as part of a Select Committee inquiry.

The views of local people have helped shape the agendas of scrutiny meetings through the hearing of petitions. This has provided an additional voice to residents to have their views heard by elected representatives.

One change this year is the inclusion of feedback from the work undertaken by the newly established West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

As well as summarising what has happened in 2016/17 the report highlights the areas of focus the committees are planning to investigate as the 2017/18 year progresses.

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Introduction

Overview and Scrutiny Committees are made up of non-executive members from across all political parties and they exist to provide accountability to the Council and its partners. They have four key roles:

- Holding the Executive to account for their decisions;
- Scrutinising local partners (e.g. NHS Walsall);
- Reviewing and developing policies and making recommendations to Council and Cabinet on these; and
- Reviewing services to ensure they are providing value for money and meeting local needs.

Scrutiny also has a vital role in enabling the voice of local residents through community engagement. All meetings are open to the public to attend (except in exceptional circumstances where something has to be taken in private session). The public can also suggest items for scrutiny to consider. More details on the role of scrutiny can be found on our website www.walsall.gov.uk/scrutiny.

At its meeting in May, 2016, Council set the committee structure and remit for the year ahead which included 4 committees:

- Scrutiny Overview Committee
- Education and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Corporate and Public Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

This report details how the work of Overview and Scrutiny Committees during 2016/17. It is not an exhaustive account of the work Members have undertaken but gives an overview of the wide variety of work that has taken place throughout the year. There are many other issues that have also been looked at that are not mentioned here but details of all meetings can be found on the [Council's committee website](#).

A full list of items discussed at Committee meetings is included within the report. Members of the Scrutiny team would be happy to provide more detail in relation to any of these items.

For any queries you may have or just for a discussion about Scrutiny you can contact any of the team:-

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Remit of Panels

Scrutiny Overview Committee

- Lead on the planning and co-ordination of the programme of activities and in depth studies of the three Overview and Scrutiny Committees
- Hold discussions with Portfolio Holders over matters such as pre-decision Scrutiny and the programme of policy reviews
- Act as a vehicle of mutual learning

Education and Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

- All aspects and general services related to serving children and young people
- The scrutinising of performance in relation to the relevant priorities in the Corporate Plan

Social Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

- All aspects and general services related to social care/health service matters including health partnership matters and the public health agenda as conferred under the Health and Social Care Act 2001 within the functions set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (as amended)
- The scrutinising of performance in relation to the relevant priorities in the Corporate Plan

Corporate and Public Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

- All aspects and general services related to:
 - The Economy and Environment
 - Resources
- Scrutiny of the responsible authorities in terms of how they are tackling crime and disorder for the benefit of the local communities (no less than once a year) as required by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 which came into force for local authorities in England on 30 April 2009
- Scrutiny of the exercise of flood risk management functions which may affect the local authority's area as required by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 within the functions set out in Section 21 of the Local Government Act, 2000 (as amended)
- The scrutinising of performance in relation to the relevant priorities in the Corporate Plan

Scrutiny Overview Committee

How has Scrutiny added value in 2016/17?

During the 2016/17 year the Scrutiny Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 4 occasions to monitor and review the effectiveness of the scrutiny function in Walsall. At each of the meetings the committee:-

- received feedback from each of the Scrutiny Committee Chairs on issues that had been debated
- monitored the work programmes relating to each scrutiny committee
- maintained an overview of the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions from Cabinet and the Black Country Executive Joint Committee Forward Plan
- gathered intelligence and identified opportunities to learn from other Committees and develop the Scrutiny function

In addition to the above, the committee considered the Council's response to the Communities and Local Government Select Committee inquiry into overview and scrutiny in local government.

The review was established to consider whether overview and scrutiny arrangements in England are working effectively and whether local communities are able to contribute to and monitor the work of their councils.

As a result of the survey, the Scrutiny Overview Committee identified that member training, particularly for new members, could be developed further to develop the skills and knowledge required to scrutinise effectively. The committee recommended that the recently established cross party member training development group considers whether:-

- Members should complete a set number of training hours each year

- Members should report back to Group meetings on the activity of the meetings they attend
- Compulsory training should be rolled out to more committee
- Scrutiny Skills should be included within the training package to members

Looking ahead, the Committee will be revisiting the recommendations to evaluate how effective the review of members training has been. In addition, it will revisit the review of scrutiny arrangements undertaken by Professor Leach review to identify and develop key actions.

Scrutiny Overview Committee 2017-18

At its first meeting of the municipal year the Committee identified the following issues to consider as well as standing items:

- Member training
- How to improve reports received at meetings



Social Care and Health

How has Scrutiny added value in 2016/17?

The Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee have within their remit a range of services which relate to the health and care of Walsall residents. The following case studies are examples of where the Committee has worked to improve services for local residents.

Walsall Healthcare Trust special measures

In January 2016 the Care Quality Commission (CQC) placed Walsall Healthcare Trust in special measures. The Committee has continued to actively monitor progress to ensure that the Trust was making progress to recover. Challenge was provided around discharge arrangements and potential impact of CCG financial savings. The Chief Executive of Walsall Healthcare Trust attended a number of meetings to respond to challenge. The Chair and Non-Executive Directors also attended to address the Panel and provide a different perspective to the 'special measures' placed on the Trust.

CCG special measures

In July 2016 the Committee were advised that NHS England had placed Walsall CCG into special measures due to performance against assurance frameworks in 2015/16. Members actively monitored this area during 2016/17. The Committee received the financial plan of the CCG which set out how savings could be achieved whilst continuing to deliver services to meet local needs. Challenge was provided to the CCG from the Committee to the Accountable Officer and the Chair of the CCG on lessons learnt and in particular the impact on adult social care of the financial savings plan. The Committee expressed its concern that access to primary care was not consistently good in Walsall. They received assurances that this was understood by Walsall CCG and that work was underway to improve access to primary care through the primary care strategy.

Public Health session

The Committee dedicated a meeting to a session on Public Health within the Local Authority. The Committee heard from Public Health specialists from within key elements of Public Health including health protection, health improvement, healthcare and premature mortality. Challenges for the future of Walsall's Public Health were also presented to the Committee and it is hoped that the Committee could use the information to further focus on areas for scrutiny in the future.

Mental Health

The Committee monitored the Mental Health Trust which had been rated as 'requiring improvement' by NHS regulators. Members challenged Trust colleagues around primary care access and transition from childhood to adulthood in Child Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) as they felt it needed improving. Further inquiries by the Committee assured Members that re-inspection feedback had been positive and the Trust was now rated as 'good'.

Partnership Working

The Committee considered the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) and Walsall Together. The STP is critically important as it sets out the plan to transform the local health and care system in Walsall. The Committee expressed their concerns around the deliverability of the STP due to the lack of involvement of GPs and the Public. Members learned that Walsall Together was a partnership of Walsall Council, Walsall CCG, Walsall Healthcare Trust, Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership Trust and Walsall GPs. There were 4 priorities within the partnership. Members questioned how the voluntary sector would be involved and heard from representatives from this sector who confirmed that the voluntary sector was involved at programme board level but warned that there was a danger that demand would outstrip supply. In further considering information on the priorities within Walsall Together, Members agreed that the reform of primary care would be key to its success. To provide

further challenge the Chairman of Healthwatch Walsall attends committee meetings and contributes to discussion.

Other Key Issues considered by the Committee include:

Health

- Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Recovery Plan
- Walsall CCG Financial Recovery Plan
- Urgent Care Performance Recovery Plan
- Walsall Healthcare Trust (WHT) Recovery Plan
- Mortality at Walsall Healthcare Trust
- Infection rates at Walsall Healthcare Trust
- Public Engagement and Consultation Process
- Walsall Healthcare Trust Outpatient Appointment System
- Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)
- Mental Health Trust Transformation Programme
- Walsall Together
- Healthwatch Walsall Priorities report
- Healthwatch Walsall investigation into cancelled operations at Walsall Healthcare Trust
- Primary Care Strategy

Social Care

- Corporate Financial Performance including the draft revenue budget and draft capital programme
- Rebalancing the Budget : Options for Consultation
- Call-in of decision: Corporate Budget Plan and Treasury Management and Investment Strategy 2017/18 - Savings reference 32 – Redesign of Library Service
- Walsall Together
- Walsall's Challenges; Public Health's response

Work Programme for Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2017-18

The Committee is responsible for receiving consultation on proposals which would constitute a substantial change (as set out in sections 242-244 of the National Health Service Act 2006). It is likely that in 2017/18, as services are improved and delivered more efficiently by the local clinical commissioning group (CCG) the Committee's work programme will contain such proposals for substantial change and the Committee will have an important role in responding to potential service changes on behalf of the residents of Walsall. Examples of this for 2017/18 are the reconfiguration of Stroke Services and the Urgent Care Centre in Walsall.

Other items on the work programme for 2017/18 are;-

- Mortality rates at Walsall Healthcare Trust
- Walsall Healthcare Trust recovery plan
- Outpatient appointments at Walsall Healthcare Trust
- CCG recovery plan
- Primary Care Services in Walsall
- Mental Health Services in Walsall
- Adult Social Care Services

Education and Children's Services

How has Scrutiny added value in 2016/17?

The Education and Children's Services Overview Committee considered a number of important matters during the 2016/17 municipal year.

Child sexual exploitation (CSE)

At its 22 November 2016 meeting, the Committee considered the protection of vulnerable groups, examining child sexual exploitation and radicalism and the 'Prevent' agenda. Arising from this, a special meeting was arranged for 26 January 2017 to focus specifically on CSE and was attended by representatives from a number of local and national organisations:

- Detective Chief Inspector D. Lambert, West Midlands Police
- Inspector K. Starynskyj, West Midlands Police
- Ms H. Matthews, Walsall Street Teams
- Mr A. Thompson, Walsall Street Teams
- Ms P. Cresswell, Regional Strategic CSE Co-ordinator
- Ms J. Barnes, Interim Director of Nursing, NHS England
- Ms H. English, Quality Lead, NHS England
- Ms R. Musson, Head of Nursing, Quality and Innovation, Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust
- Mr R. Kirby, Chief Executive, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
- Ms D. Rhoden, Nursing Quality Lead, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust
- Ms S. Roberts, Director of Governance, Quality and Safety, Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group

These representatives responded to a wide range of questions from the Committee on work currently being undertaken by their agencies. These included:

- Ascertaining the extent and profile of CSE in our area
- Engagement, and the joined up approach to tackle CSE
- Awareness-raising for children, families and communities
- Awareness-raising and safeguarding in local workforces
- Best practice to safeguard children, support to victims of CSE
- And the local response for dealing with offenders

A number of recommendations were made by the Committee at this special meeting that:

- Further investigation be conducted into Staffordshire's training model for residential care staff and its potential for application to the five residential care homes in Walsall.
- Street Teams liaise with the Council's School Improvement Teams to ensure future engagement with schools in the Borough and monitor the impact of future work.
- CSE training to be mandatory for Members and appropriate employees of the Council. This was approved at the meeting of Council held on 10 April 2017.



Further items of note the Committee investigated were:

- Challenged representatives of local NHS partners regarding the provision of Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and the areas for improvement raised by the Care Quality Commission inspection, including referral levels (and out-of-hours referrals), waiting times and access for young people placed for adoption outside the Borough.
- Challenged the Chair of the Education Challenge Board and the SENDI Challenge Board, with respect to the wider education improvement agenda, the implementation of the Walsall school improvement strategy and the improvements and progress towards achieving the national average of school results by 2018, and all schools to be judged good or better by 2020.
- Received the child poverty working group's report and referred its recommendations to Cabinet for consideration. Noting the complexity and scale of the issue both locally and nationally, the contribution of the Council's Welfare Rights Team was highlighted, with a collective gain in additional income in 2015/16 of £14,695,763.82 being reported.

Education & Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work programme for 2017/18

At its meeting in June 2017 the Committee agreed its work programme for 2017/18. Items to be considered include:

- Academies
- Outcome and response to Ofsted inspection
- Education Challenge Board & SENDI Challenge Board reports
- Five year school places strategy
- Pupil Premium
- Teacher supply and recruitment
- Educational attainment
- Children's Services performance scorecard
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- Corporate Parenting Board annual report
- Walsall Safeguarding Children Board annual report
- Missing children
- Looked after Children and Leaving Care Processes & Procedures
- Young Homelessness team
- Update from Members appointed to visit Walsall Children's Homes
- Update from Members appointed to engage with New Belongings and Council 4 Kids
- Presentation: Walsall Journey of Improvement to be Excellent
- Financial monitoring focusing on overspends and pressures
- Annual complaints report
- RISE agenda quarterly reports
- Food Banks
- Youth Parliament & Question Time (Working Groups)

Corporate and Public Services

How has scrutiny added value during 2016/17?

The Corporate and Public Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee (C&PS OSC) has had a busy 2016/17. The following are examples where the Committee has added value during the year.

Remembrance Day Working Group

A key consideration of the Committee this year has been how to maintain the 11 Remembrance Day Parades that take place across the borough each year, following the decision of West Midlands Police to withdraw support for managing road closures. The end of this partnership means that Parade Organisers are now required to make their own traffic management arrangements for parades. This would require the employment of specialist companies that cost between £1,500- £3,000 for each event. This put the future of the majority of parades in town and district centres under threat. To tackle this issue the Committee established a working group of Councillors which co-opted local community members connected with parades to provide expertise. This working group has engaged from the grass roots to Whitehall as it has sought to find a way forward. By engaging with the Police the working group were able to establish that the force were unable to continue assisting at Parades due to a refocus in priorities and resource issues. The working group undertook engagement with all levels of local police, culminating in meetings with the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Deputy Chief Constable and engagement with the Home Office and Policing Minister. Following a report and recommendations to Cabinet and the PCC the Council and PCCs office agreed to jointly fund traffic management for 2016 Remembrance Day parades. Further to this Walsall Council agreed to provide a 30% financial contribution, up to a maximum of £1,000, towards traffic management costs at existing Remembrance Day Parades from

2017-2019. Whilst the working group were disappointed that the Police were unable to continue to support Parades moving forward they were grateful for the support committed to ensuring the 2016 events went ahead as planned. Further to this the working group were pleased that Cabinet recognised the working group's recommendations and agreed to provide financial support to an event that has significant importance for local communities.

Petitions

During the year the Committee has also been hearing the concerns of local people by considering high profile petitions about important issues and proposed budget savings. Petitions the Committee has heard this year include:

- Defend Walsall Jobs
- Speed bumps in Goscote Lane
- Unauthorised encampments
- Save school crossing patrols
- Save Remembrance Day Parades
- Save Rushall, Pheasey and Bloxwich Libraries (3 separate petitions)

With regard to the **Save School Crossing Patrols** petition the Committee heard from a local school that was set to lose its crossing patrol service due a proposed budget saving. The Committee heard representations from local schools and local Members and made a recommendation to Cabinet to continue to fund crossing patrol services where there were occupied posts and to delete services where there had been long term vacancies. This recommendation was accepted by Cabinet and funding was approved by Council in February 2017.

Building on the petitions theme the Committee played a leading role in developing amendments to the Council's petition scheme. Members wanted to ensure that they were representing the views

of local people and that the views expressed in petitions were being heard at the most appropriate level. The Council's petition scheme had been established in 2010 and was due a review to ensure it was fit for purpose. After reviewing benchmarking information and considering various approaches, the Committee oversaw a consultation of all elected members on proposed changes to the scheme. This saw Council approve key amendments in May 2017 such as ensuring that only signatures by local people would be counted on petitions on local issues to help maintain the integrity of the scheme moving forward.

Corporate and Public Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2017/18

The Committee met in June 2017 with a high profile agenda item to seek assurances about the safety of local high rise blocks. The committee agreed its work programme for 2017/18 as follows:

- An update on Walsall market development
- Engagement with social housing providers
- Discussion on CCTV
- Housing White Paper
- New bin collection regime
- The impact of welfare reform
- Community Cohesion Strategy
- The Remembrance Day Working Group will meet to conclude its work and produce a final report to the Committee

West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

How has scrutiny added value during 2016/17?

During the year a new overview and scrutiny committee was established at the West Midlands Combined Authority. The Walsall representative was Councillor Ian Shires.

The West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee (WMCA OSC) focussed its efforts during the year on laying the foundations for driving forward WMCA accountability for when the Mayor was elected in May 2017. This work included setting out a provisional work programme and agreeing upon task and finish groups to consider the WMCA's priorities of Land, Mental Health and Productivity.

A further work stream has been working with constituent authorities to define, amongst other things, the reach of each tier, the relationships between them and how information will be shared.

West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2017-18 Overview

The Committee has held one meeting at which it appointed provisional Vice-Chairs, Ian Shires and Claire Spencer, and set up its task and finish groups, namely:

- Land
- Mental Health;
- Productivity
- Budget

One challenge the Committee will face during the year is ensuring that the quorum of 2/3rds set out in the Mayoral Order is met.



Overview & Scrutiny Committee Membership in 2016/17

Scrutiny Overview Committee

Chair: Councillor K. Hussain
Vice-Chairman: Councillor J. Murray

Membership: Councillors D. Barker, M. Bird, K. Chambers, C. Creaney, A. Ditta, E. Hazell, M. Longhi, C. Towe, S. Wade

Education and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Chair: Councillor C. Towe
Vice-Chair: Councillor T. Jukes

Membership: Councillors D. Barker, A. Ditta, R. Gultasib, M. Follows, E. Hazell, A. Kudhail, E. Russell, M. Ward, T. Wilson

together with representatives from:

- 1 representative – Lichfield Diocesan (voting)
- 1 representative - Archbishop of Birmingham (voting)
- 3 parent governors (voting)
- 1 Primary Education Teacher (non-voting)
- 1 Secondary Education Teacher (non-voting)

Corporate and Public Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Chair: Councillor A. Andrew
Vice-Chair: Councillor C. Creaney

Membership:

Councillors D. Barker, M. Bird, S. Craddock, A. Nazir, M. Nazir, L. Rattigan, G. Sohal, M. Ward, R. Worrall

Health & Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Chair: Councillor M. Longhi
Vice-Chair: Councillor H. Sarohi

Membership:

Councillors D. Baker, S. Ditta, L. Hazell, A. Hicken, T. Jukes, A. Nazir, R. Martin, J. Rochelle, R. Worrall

West Midlands Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Walsall representative: Councillor I. Shires

List of Items considered during 2016/17

Scrutiny Overview Committee	Areas of focus, feedback from scrutiny committee chairs, Local Government Select Committee inquiry into Local Government Scrutiny
Social Care & Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Public health services for 0-5 year olds, Healthy eating in schools, Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust Recovery Plan, Corporate Financial Performance, Urgent Care Recovery Plan, Public engagement and consultation process for transformation and reconfiguration, Walsall CCG Financial Recovery Plan, Outpatient appointments, Sustainability and Transformation Plan, Mental Health Trust, Walsall Together, Healthwatch Priorities, Call-in of budget decision to redesign the library service, Mortality and infection rates at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, Walsall's Public Health Challenges, Primary Care Strategy, GP CQC ratings, cancelled operations, CCG Special Measures Transformation Plan
Education & Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Performance data, Appointment of Members to visit children's homes, Young carers, Update from the Education Challenge Board and SENDI Challenge Board, Looked after children working group report, Missing children, Child protection plans, Appointment of Members to attend meetings of New Belongings and Council 4 Kids, Education, Health and Care Plans – Compliance and quality assurance, Protecting vulnerable groups: Child sexual exploitation; Radicalisation and 'Prevent' agenda, Local Authority support for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children, Rebalancing the budget: Options for consultation, Learning from North Yorkshire County Council's Children's Services, Draft revenue budget and draft capital programme 2016/17 to 2019/20, Special educational needs review – including Education, Health and Care Plans progress, Five-year sufficiency strategy plan, Children's Services Performance Board, Children and young people – Annual complaints report, Child sexual exploitation, Early help 0-19 locality delivery model, Primary and secondary school educational attainment 2016, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), Youth employment initiative (IMPACT) and 'Walsall Works' apprenticeship programme update, Update from the Education Challenge Board and the SENDI Challenge Board, Feedback from Members that undertook visits to Walsall children's homes, Feedback from Members appointed to engage with New Belongings and Council-4-Kids, Corporate Parenting Board, Looked after children and care leavers, Child poverty working group – update.
Corporate & Public Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Alternate weekly waste collection, Remembrance Day Working Group, Quarterly Financial Performance, M6 Junction 10 highway improvements, Network Rail – Chase Line update, Black Country Enterprise Zone, rebalancing the budget, petitions scheme, community infrastructure levy, Active Living Centre Update, Proposed pilot to require voters to use identification, Agenda for Change Portfolio, Monitoring the recommendations of the Welfare Reform Working Group, Staff terms and conditions, CCTV, Discussion on engagement with social housing providers, Call in of Broadway North Home. Petitions: Defending Walsall Jobs, Goscote Lane Traffic Calming, unauthorised encampments, school crossing patrols,

	Save Bloxwich, Pheasey and Rushall Libraries
West Midland Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee	The key principles to underpin the relationship between Combined Authority and Local Authority scrutiny, including the scrutiny by individual authorities on the work of the combined authority, proposed composition of the WMCA OSC, feedback on Centre for Public Scrutiny workshop, working arrangements, mental health commission, visit to London Assembly.